

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Bill No. 07-25 As Amended

Introduced by: Council President Boniface

Legislative Day No. 07- 22 Date: August 7, 2007

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Article XVA, Economic Development Agricultural Advisory Board, of Part 2, Nonbinding Advisory Boards, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to change the membership of the Board; to establish how members may be removed; and generally relating to the Economic Development Agricultural Advisory Board.

By the Council, August 7, 2007

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: September 4, 2007

at: 7:45 p.m.

By order: Barbara J. Connor, Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on September 4, 2007, and concluded on September 4, 2007.

Barbara J. Connor Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [BRACKETS] indicate matter Deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County, Maryland, that
2 Article XVA, Economic Development Agricultural Advisory Board, of Part 2,
3 Nonbinding Advisory Boards, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and
4 Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended, be, and it is hereby, repealed and
5 reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

6 Chapter 9. Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies.

7 Part 2. Nonbinding Advisory Boards.

8 Article XVA. Economic Development Agricultural Advisory Board.

9 Section 9-100.1. Creation; membership; purpose.

10 A. The Economic Development Agricultural Advisory Board is hereby established
11 and shall consist of ~~20~~ 21 members. Members of the Economic Development
12 Agricultural Advisory Board shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed
13 by the County Council in accordance with the Charter of Harford County. Board
14 membership shall be, insofar as possible, representative of the county's population with
15 respect to race, gender, geography and political affiliation. Members shall be selected
16 because of their known experience and interest in the protection, enhancement and
17 economic development of the agricultural industry in Harford County.

18 B. The purpose of the Board shall be to advise or inform the County Executive, the
19 County [Council,] COUNCIL AND the County Delegation to the General Assembly [and
20 the Office of Economic Development] on agricultural issues of concern to Harford
21 County's agricultural community and to protect and enhance the [economics]
22 PROFITABILITY of agriculture.

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C. ~~Sixteen~~ SEVENTEEN of the Board members shall represent each of the following farm practices or agricultural industries:

(1) Retail;

(2) Service;

(3) Equine;

(4) Nursery;

(5) Livestock;

(6) Dairy;

(7) Vegetable/fruit;

(8) Grain;

(9) Cooperative extension;

(10) Agricultural Education Foundation;

(11) Deer Creek Watershed Association;

(12) Harford County Farm Bureau;

(13) [Office of Economic Development] DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS;

(14) Agricultural Land Preservation Program;

(15) Soil Conservation District; ~~and~~

(16) Future Farmers of ~~America~~. AMERICA; AND

(17) HARFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU YOUNG FARMERS COMMITTEE

The remaining [four] 4 members shall consist of a County Council representative or designee and three members at large.

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1 Section 9-100.2. Terms; chair; vacancies.

2 A. [The members of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive] A
3 MEMBER MAY BE REMOVED ONLY FOR CAUSE BY THE COUNTY
4 EXECUTIVE, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

5 B. The County Executive shall select from the membership a Chair. The membership
6 of the Board shall elect a Vice-Chair AND A SECRETARY.

7 C. Upon the death, disability, resignation or removal of any member of the Board,
8 the County Executive shall appoint a person representing the same categoric interest to
9 serve for the unexpired term.

10 D. All members shall serve a term contemporaneous with that of the County
11 Executive. At the end of the term, however, a member continues to serve until a
12 successor is appointed.

13 Section 9-100.3. Meetings; quorum.

14 A. The Board shall meet regularly and may hold special meetings at the call of the
15 Chair or of any four members of the Board.

16 B. The Board shall adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to
17 govern its procedure and business.

18 C. [Nine] ELEVEN members shall constitute a quorum.

19 D. Any member missing three consecutive meetings [in any one calendar year may
20 be asked to resign] SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE TERMINATED HIS OR HER
21 MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD UNLESS THE BOARD SHALL, BY MAJORITY
22 VOTE, EXCUSE ONE OR MORE OF THE ABSENCES .

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1 Section 9-100.4. Salary and compensation.

2 The members of the Board shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed by
3 the county for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their
4 duties.

5 Section 9-100.5. Powers and duties.

6 The Economic Development Agricultural Advisory Board shall:

7 A. Review the budget of the [Office of Economic Development as it pertains to
8 agricultural economic development] THE DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS
9 on an annual basis and make recommendations [to the Director of the Office of Economic
10 Development].

11 B. Support and encourage the goals, objects and tasks identified in the Agricultural
12 Economic Development Initiative.

13 C. Review legislation and policy decisions in order to identify the impact they have
14 on agriculture in Harford County.

15 D. Form committees for special projects such as research, data collection and
16 analysis, educational projects, legislative issues, etc.

17 E. Advise the Department of Planning and Zoning in matters regarding permitted
18 uses within the Agricultural Zone District and other related issues.

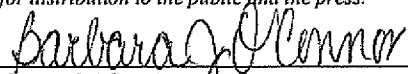
19 F. Submit a yearly report to the County Council and the County Executive.

20 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days
21 from the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: November 12, 2007

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*The Council Administrator does hereby certify
that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available
for distribution to the public and the press.*



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Brief Title Economic Development Agricultural Advisory Board

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Barbara J. O'Connor
Council Administrator

Date September 4, 2007

ENROLLED

William Bonfante
Council President

Date September 4, 2007

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

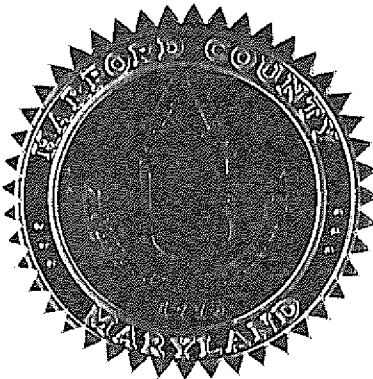
Passed: LSD 07-24

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

Barbara J. O'Connor
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 5th day of September, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.



Barbara J. O'Connor
Council Administrator

BY THE EXECUTIVE

David R. Craig
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date September 11, 2007

BY THE COUNCIL
This Bill No. 07-25 As Amended having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on September 11, 2007.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 12, 2007

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